GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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POLICY OF BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government propose to formulate bilateral air service policy to safeguard interest of national Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have decided not to negotiate with international Airlines till the policy is finalised;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the bilateral agreement that are pending with the Government alongwith the name of the country and the airline?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) and (b): Air traffic rights being sovereign in nature are exchanged between two countries through bilateral air services agreement on the principle of reciprocity and mutual benefits to the two countries involved. Recently, an integrated approach has been evolved following consultations with Ministries of External Affairs and Tourism keeping in view our tourism, economic, diplomatic and stretegic interests.
(c): No, Sir.
(d): Does not arise.
(e): Requests for bilateral air services negotiations have been received from a number of countries like Turkey, Poland, Tunisia, UK, Russia, South Korea, Malaysia, Kenya,Thailand, Kuwait, South Africa, Libya, UAE(Dubai), Oman,Bahrain etc. to consider enhancement in capacity, new points of call and signing of new Air Services Agreements etc.